

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification has been amended. No new matter has been added. A first Office Action on the merits is awaited.

A mark-up copy showing the amendments made to specification is attached.

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Fig. 4 shows the distal end 72 of the distal extension inner catheter tube 68 and a bore 69 within it, open to the distal end of the inner catheter 68, and terminating proximally at an end-to-end butt joint with the distal end of the metal pusher tube 42. A tip extension catheter 60 of PEBAX polymer (PEBAX®) receives the distal end 72 of the inner catheter 68, so that its proximal end 67 overlaps the abluminal wall of the catheter 68. Around the distal end ~~72~~zone 71 of the catheter 68, and sandwiched between the distal catheter 68 and the proximal end zone of the tip catheter 60, is a second radiopaque metal marker band 74, and the whole assembly is bonded together with a cyanoacrylate adhesive composition. The PEBAX tip extension catheter 60 extends into the tapered lumen of the taper 16 of the distal end of the sheath 14.